

Attorney Docket: Beiersdorf 698

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Please charge any further insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 10 and 12 were amended. New claim 14 has been added.

It is believed that no amendment introduces new matter.

The claims have been rejected under §§ 112 and 103(a). The rejections are responded to in the order presented in the office action.

INDEFINITENESS

Examiner has rejected the claims for allegedly being indefinite. A telephone conversation between the undersigned and the Examiner was helpful in discerning Examiner's specific concerns. The gist of the conversation was that Examiner did not believe that the claim language precisely described an article consisting essentially of a nonwoven backing possessing no significant inherent adhesive properties of its own, and at least one layer or coating of a self-adhesive.

It is believed in good faith that amended claims 1 and 12, as well as new claim 14 address these concerns and would not be indefinite to prospective infringers. Specifically, it would not be confusing to prospective infringers that the at least one coating of adhesive is not an integral part of the nonwoven backing material, but a separate and distinct coating applied thereto.